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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Continued dry climate conditions prevail throughout Colorado and many tributary water sources which supply our municipal consumption are experiencing rapidly declining volumes and flows. The Town of Telluride uses tributary water sources for its summer time municipal demands (Mill Creek and Cornet Creek) and we are carefully monitoring these flows. While the Town is meeting its water demands the situation can change with continued dry conditions. Accordingly it is time to put certain conservation measures into place and prepare for possible shortages that may face the Town in the near future.

Pursuant to the provisions of Telluride Municipal Code Section 13-5-40, and in anticipation of shortages in the Town's water supply in the near future, the following restrictions are hereby implemented with immediate effect:

1. Persons are urged to conserve water in every possible way in their homes and businesses;
2. Washing of public or private sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other hard surfaces with municipal treated water shall be prohibited (the Town may continue to use non-treated well water for such purposes as needed);
3. Power washing of structures with municipal treated water shall be prohibited; ***Commercial power washing of structures will be allowed when necessary for exterior painting and related repairs;***
4. Filling, refilling or replacement of water in swimming pools, hot tubs or landscape water features with municipal treated water shall be prohibited (however addition of water to public or private pools, hot tubs or water features to make up for evaporative losses and required maintenance (i.e. backwashes, etc.) is permitted);
5. Installation of new public or private landscaping shall be prohibited (in the event that such landscaping is required as a condition of development approval, the condition shall be tolled); ***Commercial installation of new landscaping is allowed if such new landscaping can be effectively watered within the date and time restrictions that are now in place. No additional watering will be allowed beyond these time restrictions however. Please note that all plantings which are hand watered or watered through a drip irrigation system are exempt from the restrictions;***

6. Service of water to restaurant patrons shall be prohibited unless requested;
7. Noncommercial washing of privately owned cars or other motor vehicles, trailers or boats with municipal treated water shall be prohibited, unless by bucket;
8. Use of municipal treated water for commercial car washes shall be prohibited; ***Commercial car washing which is programmed or operated to minimize water consumption (approximately 23 gallons per wash) will be allowed;***
9. Use of municipal treated water for irrigation of any public or private lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs, plants, municipal or school fields, golf courses or similar grass areas shall be prohibited except for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, only between 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., and on the following days:
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday for residents and businesses with odd numbered addresses;
 - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday for residents and businesses with even numbered addresses;
 - Sundays for all residents and businesses

The above irrigation restrictions related to irrigation shall not apply to any person engaged in the business of growing and selling plants of any kind, with respect to water for such plants only.

Violations of the above restrictions shall be subject to fines in accordance with Section 13-5-50 of the Municipal Code. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter. The restrictions will be in effect until lifted by action of the Town Manager or Town Council.

Issued this 12th day of June, 2012



Greg Clifton, Town Manager

Cc: Town Council